Government of Saskatchewan

Crop Report

Published by the Ministry of Agriculture
ISSN 0701 7085
Report number 1, April 30, 2015

For the Period April 21 to 27, 2015

Saskatchewan farmers are in the field, seeding, harrowing and controlling weeds. Two per cent of the 2015 crop is in the ground. The five-year (2010-2014) average for this time of year is less than one per cent.

Producers in the southwest have been seeding for a couple of weeks already, and have seven per cent of the crop in. Some areas in the southwest are reporting 20 per cent seeded. Significant rain and snow over the weekend, particularly in areas of the central and northern regions, have delayed seeding and field work. Most producers are hoping to be in the field again at the start of next week.

One year ago
Cold temperatures with significant moisture events delayed spring seeding. Seeding had just started in some areas in the southwest.

Follow the 2015 Crop Report on Twitter @SKAgriculture

The southeastern region has four per cent seeded. All other regions have very little, if any, crop in the ground to date.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 20 per cent surplus, 76 per cent adequate and four per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 11 per cent surplus, 80 per cent adequate and nine per cent short.

Pasture conditions are rated as 12 per cent excellent, 53 per cent good, 26 per cent fair and nine per cent poor. Some pastures have excess moisture or are slow to green up.

Areas in the eastern regions are reporting excess moisture. Precipitation during the past week varied across the province, with some central regions reporting 75 mm. Areas in the north reported receiving up to 20 cm of snow. Weather has generally been good for spring calving.

In history: The provincial 20 year (1995 – 2014) average seeding progress for the last week in April is just under two per cent seeded. Six per cent was seeded within the first week in May.

For further information, contact Daphne Cruise, PAg,
Cropping Management Specialist, Moose Jaw, Regional Services Branch,
Toll Free: 1-866-457-2377 or 306-694-3587, E-mail: cropreport@gov.sk.ca.
Also available on the Ministry of Agriculture website at www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada | Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada

SCIC
SASKATCHEWAN CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION

Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop District 1 – Carnduff, Estevan, Redvers, Moosomin and Kipling areas; Crop District 2 – Weyburn, Milestone, Moose Jaw, Regina and Qu'Appelle areas; Crop District 3ASE – Radville and Lake Alma areas)

Some producers in the southeastern region have begun to seed and to work fields, although the majority will be waiting at least a week for field conditions to improve. The region has four per cent seeded to date. Seeding is most advanced in the 2B and 3ASE regions. Warm temperatures forecasted for the week should see most producers in the field by early next week.

Most of the region recorded very little rainfall over the past week, although the western edge of the region recorded higher amounts. The Moose Jaw area reported between 10 and 20 mm. This area has recorded the greatest amount of precipitation since April 1 (49 mm).

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 27 per cent surplus, 69 per cent adequate and four per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 17 per cent surplus, 72 per cent adequate and 11 per cent short. CD 1B is reporting that 61 per cent and 53 per cent of the cropland and hay land and pasture, respectively, have surplus topsoil moisture.

Pasture conditions are rated as 15 per cent excellent, 42 per cent good, 36 per cent fair and seven per cent poor. Pastures are slow to green up due to cool temperatures, and some have excess moisture issues. Cattle are being moved to pasture, although the majority will be moved in the coming weeks. Roads are in poor shape. Farmers are busy preparing equipment, finishing up calving, moving cattle, cleaning seed and working fields.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 3ASW – Coronach, Assiniboia and Ogema areas; Crop District 3AN – Gravelbourg, Mossbank, Mortlach and Central Butte areas; Crop District 3B – Kyle, Swift Current , Shaunavon and Ponteix areas; Crop District 4 – Consul, Maple Creek and Leader areas)

Most producers in the region have been seeding for the past week, and now have seven per cent of the crop in the ground. Some producers in Crop District 3AN have yet to begin, however, as the weekend brought up to 60 mm of rain. CDs 3ASW and 3AN are reporting three per cent seeded, 3BS four per cent, 3BN eight per cent, 4A 11 per cent and 4B 12 per cent.

Precipitation this week ranged from nil to 60 mm in the Eyebrow area, which has received the greatest amount of precipitation to date (73 mm). Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 10 per cent surplus, 84 per cent adequate and six per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as four per cent surplus, 81 per cent adequate, 14 per cent short and one per cent very short.

Pasture conditions are rated as nine per cent excellent, 65 per cent good, 23 per cent fair and three per cent poor. Although moisture conditions are good for the most part, pastures are slow to green up due to cool weather.

There have been reports of seed treatment and inoculant shortages in some areas of the region. Farmers are busy with seeding and weed control operations.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop District 5 – Melville, Yorkton, Cupar, Kamsack, Foam Lake, Preeceville and Kelvington areas; Crop District 6A – Lumsden, Craik, Watrous and Clavet areas)

Cold temperatures and wet weather are delaying seeding in most of the east-central region. A large amount of water is lying in many fields, and there has been some localized flooding of secondary roads, which limits access to some areas. Crop reporters are indicating that general seeding may not begin for at least another week or more.

The region reported varying amounts of precipitation this week, ranging from nil to 75 mm in the Bradwell area. This area has also received the greatest amount of precipitation since April 1 (80 mm). The northern area of CD 6A received snow as well.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are reported as 44 per cent surplus and 56 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 30 per cent surplus and 70 per cent adequate. CD 6A is reporting that 61 per cent of cropland and 46 per cent of hay land and pasture have surplus topsoil moisture.

Pasture conditions are rated as five per cent excellent, 41 per cent good, 34 per cent fair, 17 per cent poor and three per cent very poor. Excess moisture and cool conditions are delaying pasture growth.

Farmers are busy working on equipment, controlling weeds, putting down anhydrous ammonia fertilizer and waiting to seed. There are a couple of reports of farmers picking up harvest from where they left off last fall.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B – Hanley, Outlook, Loreburn, Saskatoon and Arelee areas; Crop District 7A – Rosetown, Kindersley, Eston, Major; CD 7B - Kerrobert, Macklin, Wilkie and Biggar areas)

Seeding has begun for a few producers but the majority will likely begin in the coming week. Rainfall for the week ranged from one to 51 mm in the Hanley area. Since April 1, the Outlook area has had the greatest amount of rainfall (55 mm). Many areas reported snow over the weekend as well (the Langham area reported 18 cm). Some drier fields are being worked or spread with fertilizer, while other fields remain too wet to support equipment. There are a few reports of seeding in the Rosetown, Kindersley, Conquest and Major areas. Weed control, harrowing and fertilizer application are general throughout the region.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as five per cent surplus, 90 per cent adequate and five per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as six per cent surplus, 89 per cent adequate and five per cent short.

Pasture conditions are rated as 22 per cent excellent, 52 per cent good, 21 per cent fair and five per cent poor.

Farmers are busy preparing equipment, working fields, starting to seed and moving cattle to pasture.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop District 8 – Hudson Bay, Tisdale, Melfort, Carrot River, Humboldt, Kinistino, Cudworth and Aberdeen areas; Crop District 9AE – Prince Albert, Choiceland and Paddockwood areas)

Most producers are hoping to be in the field to start seeding next week. Cool and wet weather has delayed field work and warm weather will be needed to dry up fields. Some roads are soft and will not be able to support equipment for a while.

Much of the region received rain and/or snow this past week, ranging from one to 52 mm of moisture. The Arborfield area received 34 mm, the Humboldt area 52 mm and the Alvena area 25 mm. The Humboldt area has reported the greatest amount of precipitation since April 1 (54 mm). The Lake Lenore area reported 20 cm of snow. Power outages were reported in some areas due to the heavy snow bringing down power lines and trees.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 23 per cent surplus and 77 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 11 per cent surplus and 89 per cent adequate.

Pasture conditions are rated as seven per cent excellent, 60 per cent good, 13 per cent fair, 11 per cent poor and nine per cent very poor. Cool and wet weather has slowed pasture growth.

Farmers are busy cleaning seed, controlling weeds and getting ready to seed.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 9AW – Shellbrook, North Battleford, Big River and Hafford areas; Crop District 9B – Meadow Lake, Turtleford, Pierceland, Maidstone and Lloydminster areas)

There are a few reports of seeding just nicely starting in the Turtleford, St. Walburg and Lloydminster areas. The majority of producers are expected to get started next week. The region received some precipitation this week, ranging from trace amounts to 24 mm (Speers area). Some areas reported snow as well (Speers area 18 cm). The Hafford area has received the greatest amount of precipitation since April 1 (35 mm).

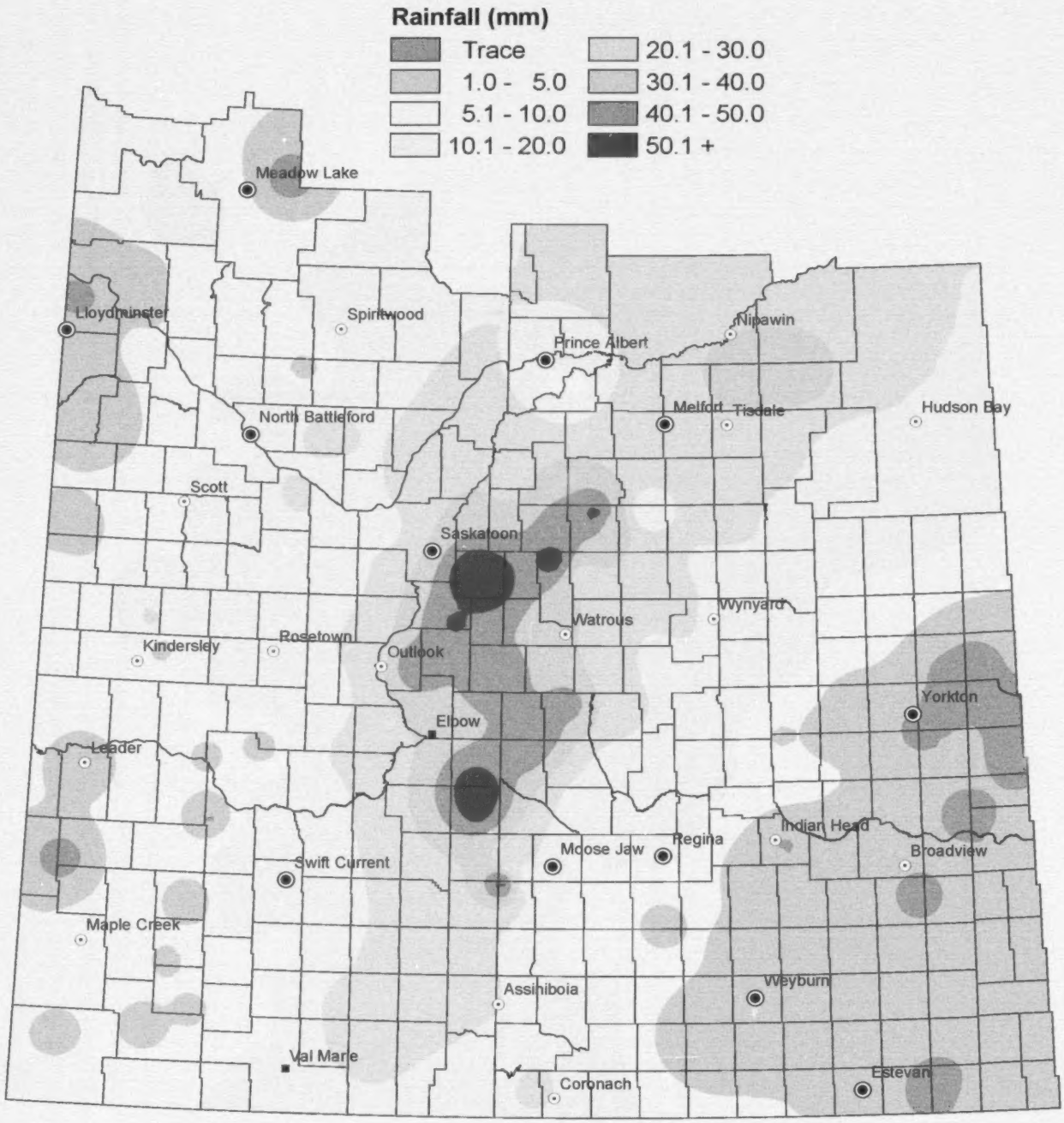
Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as two per cent surplus, 90 per cent adequate and eight per cent short. Hay land and pasture moisture is rated as 88 per cent adequate and 12 per cent short.

Pasture conditions are rated as 11 per cent excellent, 50 per cent good, 23 per cent fair, 11 per cent poor and five per cent very poor. Cool weather has slowed pasture growth, but moisture is adequate in most areas.

Farmers are busy moving cattle, fertilizing forage crops, cleaning seed and controlling weeds.

Weekly Rainfall

from April 21 to April 27, 2015



NOTE: Since techniques used to smooth the transition between zones can affect the values in localized areas, this map should be used for regional analysis only.

Government of Saskatchewan

0 25 50 100 150 200

Kilometers

Projection: UTM Zone 13 Datum: NAD83

N

Data Source:
Rainfall - Ministry of Agriculture, Crop Report Database
IDW interpolation (power 2.5, fixed radius 300 km)

Geomatics Services, Ministry of Agriculture April 29, 2015

© 2015 Government of Saskatchewan

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters) 1 inch = 25 mm for the period April 21 to 27, 2015

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	2	4
	3	Enniskillen	NIL	3
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	N/A
	34	Browning	N/A	5
	61	Antler	N/A	N/A
	63	Moose Mountain	2	17
	64	Brock	2	6
	65	Tecumseh	1	7
1B	91	Maryfield	2	6
	122	Martin	3	30
	123	Silverwood	N/A	11
	124	Kingsley	NIL	12
	125 A	Chester	1	19
	125 B	Chester	2	12
	151 A	Rocanville	1	12
	151 B	Rocanville	N/A	N/A
	154	Elcapo	NIL	2
	155 A	Wolseley	1	11
	155 B	Wolseley	N/A	N/A
2A	67	Weyburn	N/A	2
	68	Brokenshell	2	8
	97	Wellington	1	7
2B	127 A	Francis	1.5	15
	127 B	Francis	2.5	3
	129	Bratt's Lake	2	7
	131 A	Baildon	8	14
	131 B	Baildon	10	14
	156 A	Indian Head	0.5	11
	156 B	Indian Head	2	27
	157	South Qu'Appelle	N/A	NIL
	160 A	Pense	7	7
	161	Moose Jaw	9	49
	162	Caron	19.5	22
	191	Marquis	N/A	N/A
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	2	14
	38 B	Laurier	1	8
	39 A	The Gap	N/A	21
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	N/A	17
	12	Poplar Valley	24	46
	40 A	Bengough	N/A	N/A
	40 B	Bengough	N/A	N/A
	42	Willow Bunch	8	38
	43	Old Post	14	32
	70	Key West	N/A	N/A
	73 A	Stonehenge	24.4	37
	73 B	Stonehenge	22	22
3AN	101	Terrell	5	16
	102	Lake Johnston	14	23
	103	Sutton	30	30
	132 A	Hillsborough	52	64
	132 B	Hillsborough	15	41
	134	Shamrock	24	32
	193 A	Eyebrow	55	59
	193 B	Eyebrow	60	73
	224	Maple Bush	N/A	N/A
3BS	17	Val Marie	N/A	30
	75 A	Pinto Creek	28	36
	75 B	Pinto Creek	28	28
	76	Auvergne	N/A	4
	77	Wise Creek	9	28
	78	Grassy Creek	N/A	30
	105	Glenbain	22	30
	106	Whiska Creek	16	24
	107	Lac Pelletier	8	17
	108	Bone Creek	8	13
3BN	138 A	Webb	16	24
	138 B	Webb	N/A	8
	166	Excelsior	N/A	4
	167	Sask. Landing	15	18
	168 A	Riverside	16	24
	168 B	Riverside	0.8	8
	226	Victory	20.9	35
	228	Lacadena	4	7
	257	Monet	3	3

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
4A	49	White Valley	4	29
	51	Reno	4.6	16
	79	Arlington	4	29
	109 A	Carmichael	7	9
	109 B	Carmichael	4	30
	110	Piapot	N/A	1
4B	139	Gull Lake	1	1
	142	Enterprise	NIL	2
	169	Pittville	N/A	N/A
	231	Happyland	2	2
	183 B	Fertile Belt	NIL	8
5A	211	Churchbridge	NIL	16
	213	Saltcoats	1	11
	216	Tullymet	N/A	NIL
	241	Calder	NIL	10
	243	Wallace	NIL	13
	244	Orkney	NIL	8
	245 A	Garry	1	20
	245 B	Garry	4	4
	245 C	Garry	4	26
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	4	20
	247	Kellross	9	24
	248	Touchwood	20	24
	271	Cote	NIL	9
	273	Sliding Hills	NIL	10
	277	Emerald	15	30
5B	305	Invermay	5	33
	307	Elfros	13	21
	308 A	Big Quill	22	25
	308 B	Big Quill	12	22
	331	Livingston	N/A	23
	336	Sasman	N/A	6
	337	Lakeview	17	23
	338	Lakeside	18	20
	366	Kelvington	16	24
	367	Ponass Lake	25	33
6A	190 A	Dufferin	14	14
	190 B	Dufferin	17	25
	190 C	Dufferin	9	9
	190 D	Dufferin	12	24
	219 A	Longlaketon	N/A	5
	219 B	Longlaketon	9	12
	220	Mckillop	15	20
	221	Sarnia	N/A	13
	222	Craik	47	57
	251	Big Arm	43.8	56
	252	Arm River	49	58
	279	Mount Hope	20	23
	282	McCraney	50	56
	309	Prairie Rose	N/A	N/A
	312	Morris	N/A	N/A
	313	Lost River	N/A	N/A
	339	Leroy	25.4	35
	340	Wolverine	26	32
	341	Viscount	55	57
	343 A	Blucher	75	80
	343 B	Blucher	N/A	N/A
6B	254	Loreburn	N/A	N/A
	284	Rudy	48	55
	285	Fertile Valley	21	29
	286	Milden	15	19
	314	Dundurn	51	54
	344	Corman Park	18	25
	346	Perdue	N/A	NIL
	376	Eagle Creek	N/A	4
	403	Rosthern	N/A	4

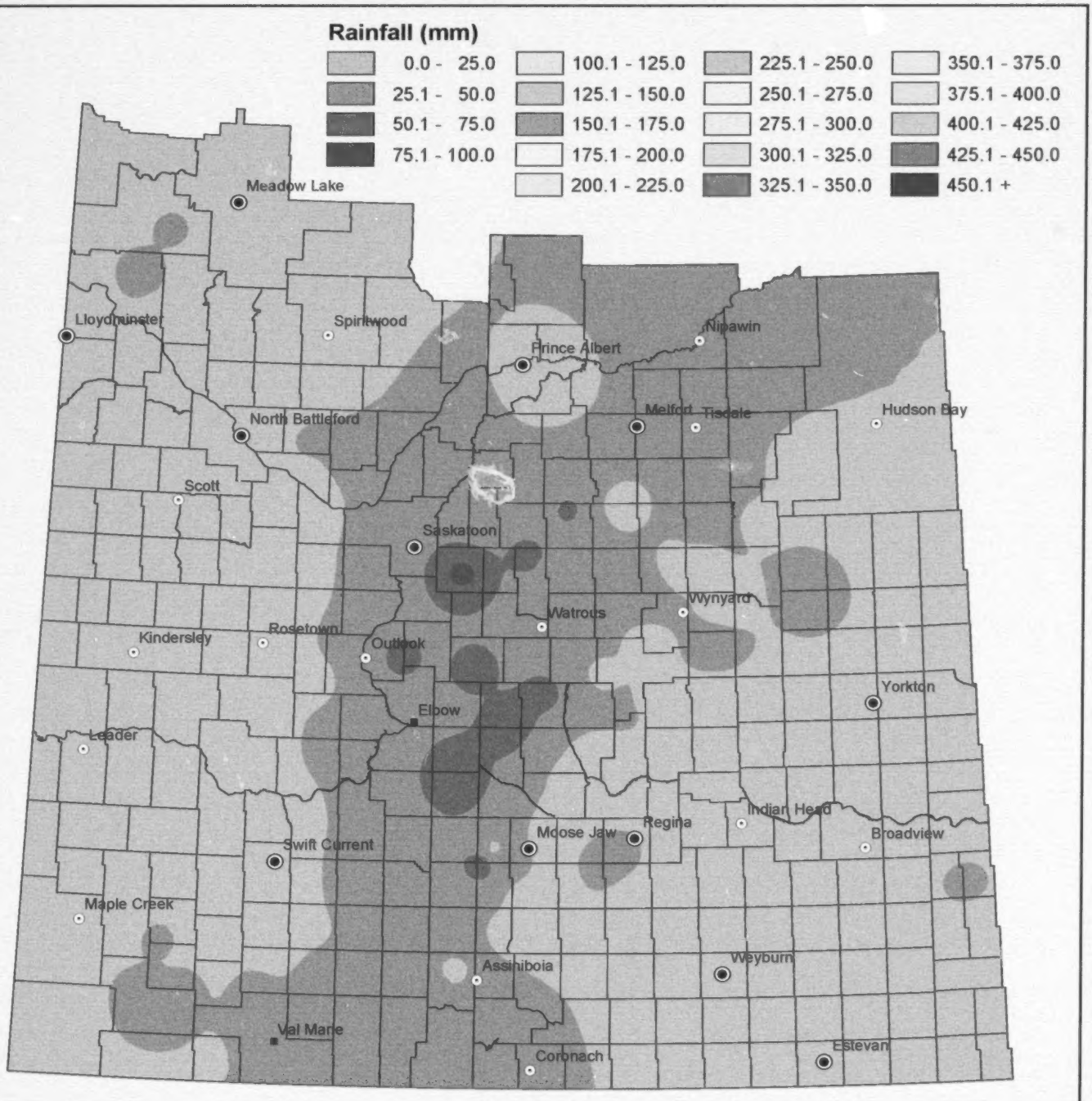
Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
7A	287	St. Andrews	10	12
	288	Pleasant Valley	16	18
	200 A	Kindersley	5.5	7
	290 B	Kindersley	3	3
	290 C	Kindersley	N/A	NIL
	292	Milton	6	8
	317 A	Marriott	N/A	NIL
	317 B	Marriott	16	21
	318	Mountain View	13	15
	320 A	Oakdale	23	25
	320 B	Oakdale	12	17
	321	Prairiedale	5	16
7B	347	Biggar	11	16
	350 A	Mariposa	7	9
	350 B	Mariposa	13	17
	351	Progress	N/A	4
	352	Heart's Hill	6	13
	377	Glenside	24	24
	378 B	Rosemount	N/A	5
	379	Reford	15	19
	381	Grass Lake	N/A	N/A
	382	Eye Hill	1	3
	409	Buffalo	N/A	N/A
	410	Round Valley	5	5
8A	395	Porcupine	16	16
	397	Barrier Valley	22.4	28
	428	Star City	25	28
	456	Arborfield	34	36
	457	Connaught	N/A	NIL
	486	Moose Range	N/A	N/A
	487	Nipawin	14	16
8B	369	St. Peter	12	14
	370 A	Humboldt	35	39
	370 B	Humboldt	52	54
	371	Bayne	44	44
	372	Grant	39.8	41
	400	Three Lakes	35	39
	402	Fish Creek	25	29
	429	Flett's Springs	21	25
	459	Kinistino	N/A	N/A
	460	Birch Hills	8	12
9AE	488	Torch River	N/A	N/A
	491	Buckland	N/A	N/A
	520	Paddockwood	24	32
	521	Lakeland	24	32
9AW	406	Mayfield	13	19
	435	Redberry	20	35
	436	Douglas	24	27
	463	Duck Lake	20	30
	467 A	Round Hill	15.5	18
	467 B	Round Hill	3	3
9B	438	Battle River	8	21
	440	Hillsdale	1	9
	442	Manitou Lake	1.4	8
	498 A	Parkdale	10.6	19
	498 B	Parkdale	5	5
	499	Mervin	8	14
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	3	32
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	4	16
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	2	9
	502	Britannia	NIL	3
	561	Loon Lake	15	26
	588 A	Meadow Lake	NIL	5
	588 B	Meadow Lake	N/A	N/A
	588 C	Meadow Lake	N/A	7
	588 D	Meadow Lake	N/A	N/A
	622	Beaver River	10	14

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R. M.

Municipality No: A, B, C and D - more than one reporter

Cumulative Rainfall

from April 1 to April 27, 2015



NOTE: Since techniques used to smooth the transition between zones can affect the values in localized areas, this map should be used for regional analysis only.

Government of Saskatchewan

0 25 50 100 150 200

Kilometers

Projection: UTM Zone 13 Datum: NAD83

N

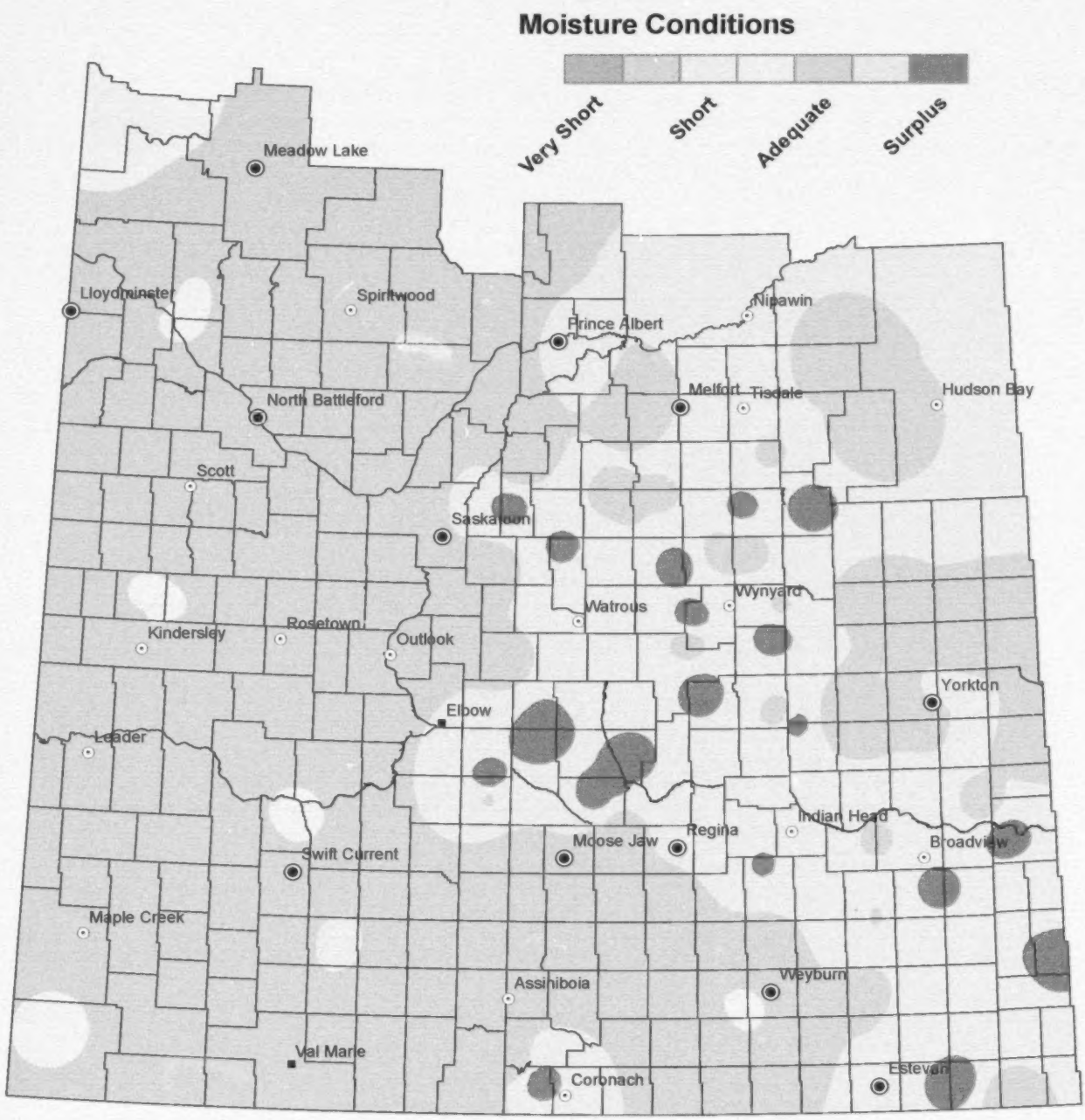
Data Source:
Rainfall - Ministry of Agriculture, Crop Report Database
IDW interpolation (power 2.5, fixed radius 300 km)

Geomatics Services, Ministry of Agriculture April 29, 2015

© 2015 Government of Saskatchewan

Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

April 27, 2015



NOTE: Since techniques used to smooth the transition between zones can affect the values in localized areas, this map should be used for regional analysis only.

Government of Saskatchewan

0 25 50 100 150 200

Kilometers

Projection: UTM Zone 13 Datum: NAD83

N

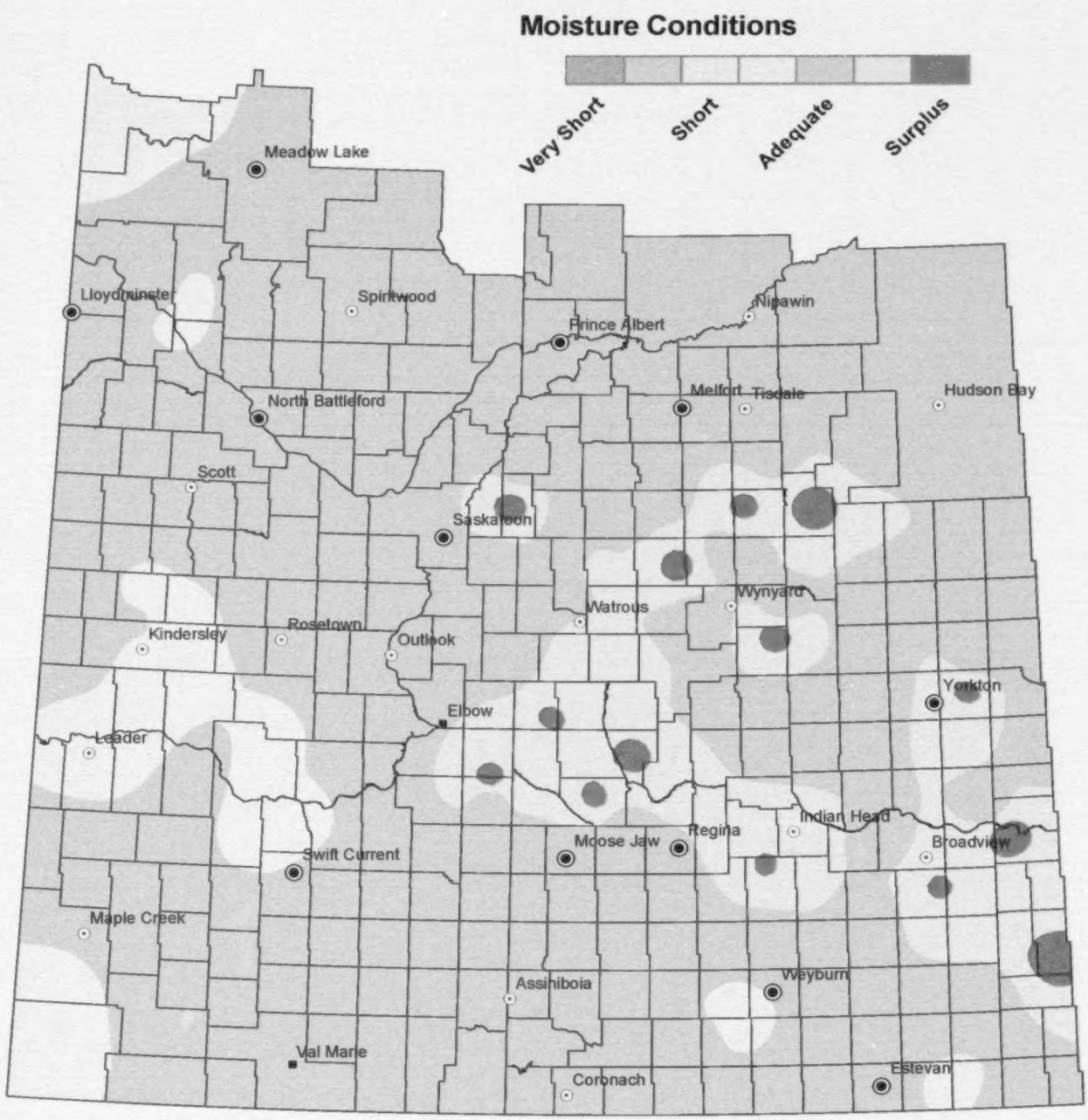
Data Source:
Moisture - Ministry of Agriculture, Crop Report Database
IDW interpolation (power 2.5, fixed radius 300 km)

Geomatics Services, Ministry of Agriculture April 29, 2015

© 2015 Government of Saskatchewan

Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

April 27, 2015



NOTE: Since techniques used to smooth the transition between zones can affect the values in localized areas, this map should be used for regional analysis only.

Government of Saskatchewan

0 25 50 100 150 200

Kilometers

Projection: UTM Zone 13 Datum: NAD83

N

Data Source:
Moisture - Ministry of Agriculture, Crop Report Database
IDW interpolation (power 2.5, fixed radius 300 km)

Geomatics Services, Ministry of Agriculture April 29, 2015

© 2015 Government of Saskatchewan